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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated June 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on June 27, 2003 to the undersigned attorney. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the form is attached hereto.

This submission is a result of the Examiner's failure to return the initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449, and as such, does not constitute a delay by Applicant. Further evidence that this submission does not constitute a delay by Applicant is that this submission does not fall within any of the categories outlined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704 deemed to constitute Applicant's failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution. Accordingly, no reduction of the period of adjustment of patent term is warranted.

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It is believed that a petition, requesting that the period of adjustment of the patent term is not to be reduced, is not required. However, if a petition is required, please consider this submission to incorporate such a petition. Also, it is believed that no fees are required; however, if a fee is required, USPTO is directed and authorized to charge such required fee, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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